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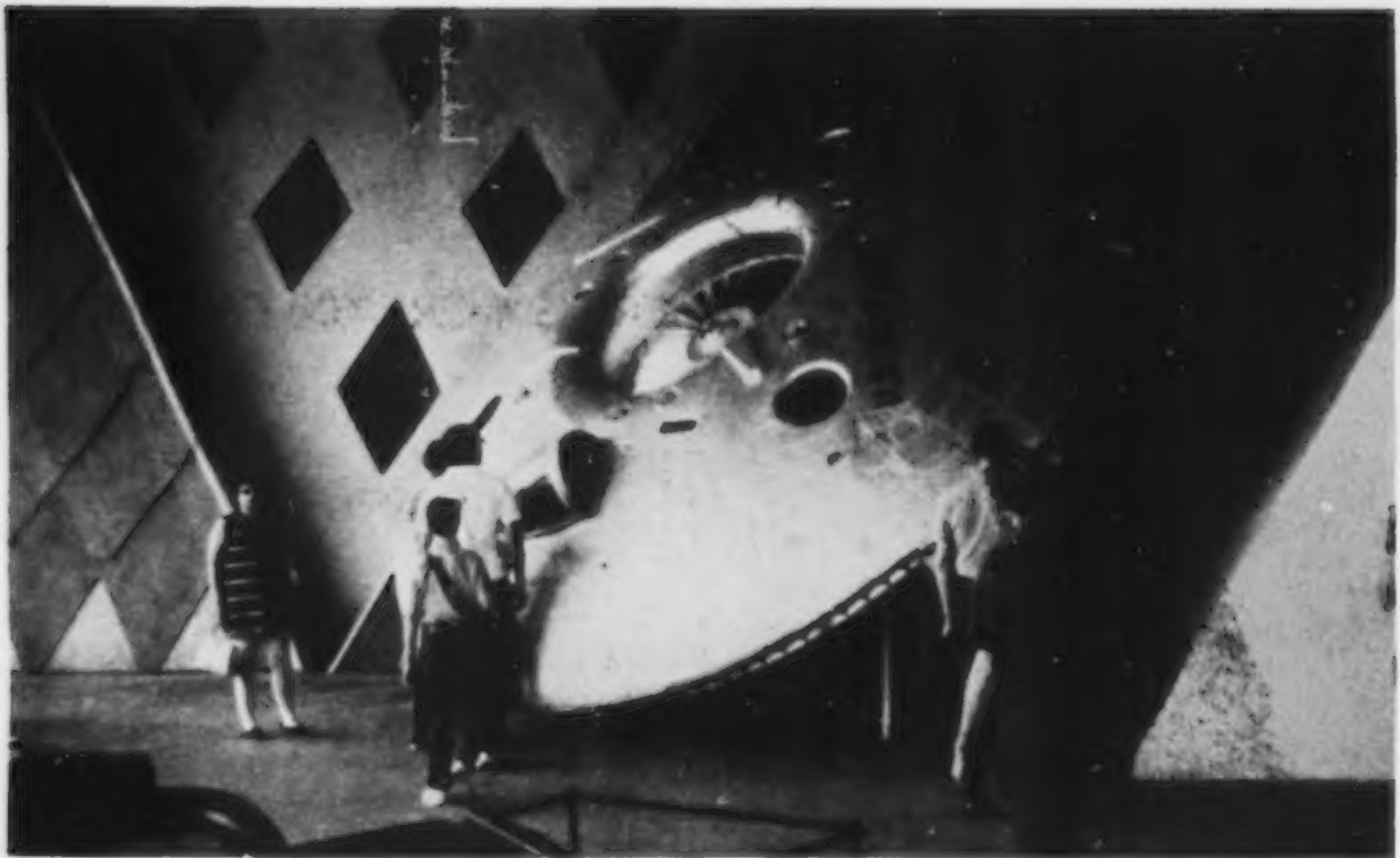
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## PROJECT DOOMSDAY: (THE UFO)

by E. Frederrick Schrafft  
as told to Paul Braczyk

**T**he era of the flying saucers began auspiciously. The date was June 24, 1947. Kenneth Arnold, Idaho's flying fire-fighting apparatus salesman, taxied his aircraft down the runway of the Chehalis, Washington airport preparing for takeoff. With the drone of a single engine, the small plane quickly lifted into the morning sky. No, Arnold did not have unidentifiable aircraft on his mind this day—he was thinking about money. \$5,000 to be precise. A C-46 Marine transport had gone down somewhere in the mountains, and the reward had drawn his aid in trying to locate the

wreckage. The machine buzzed alone like a mammoth dragonfly scouting the landscape for signs of its prey. Suddenly, somewhere over Mineral, Washington a brilliant flash of light brightened the interior of the cockpit and reflected off the metallic wing covering. Startled, and half-expecting the possibility of collision with some other aircraft, Arnold tensed; his eyes now searching the area for an indication of the source of the mysterious illumination. Flash! It happened again. This time the direction was noted as coming from the vicinity of Mount Baker. Then he saw them— nine strange craft flying in

echelon formation at a fantastic rate of speed!

They flew haphazardly in a chain-like arrangement, skipping through the atmosphere like hydroplanes over water. The only thing that he could think of was to get in for a closer look; so he opened the throttle full tilt and started a diving intercept maneuver. The tiny machine leapt forward as the engine screamed. The wings vibrated uncontrollably as the metal stressed and the downward plunge continued. As he approached the area between Mount Rainier and Mount Adams, he could see the unidentified machines rapidly coming in from his left. Quickly he pulled back on the controls and leveled out; at last being able to get a close look. His eyes widened in amazement: for there as big as life were nine bizarre disc-shaped flying machines passing at a tremendous rate of speed. Arnold carefully inspected the circular craft as the last one went by and faded into the distance. It was during this scrutiny that he saw it: the lettering on the underside of one of the craft—XF5U-2. The tension seeped from Arnold's body as he realized what he had just witnessed: a flight of nine experimental aircraft, built and flown by our own military establishment.

So a modern-day fable was born. It has been blown up out of all reasoning, simply because our government tried to keep its design a secret for defense purposes. Of course, this incident did not happen exactly as related, but is how it WOULD HAVE HAPPENED had Kenneth Arnold gotten a better look at those "flying saucers".

Fantastic as this semi-fictitious account sounds, the basic facts behind it are not fiction—but REALITY! These facts are absolutely true, having been gleaned through thousands of hours of painstaking research, firsthand experience, and years of meticulous scientific inquiry by one individual working diligently with every moment of his spare time. This individual is not the usual brand of UFO "researcher", nor is he a wild-eyed fanatic or flying saucer contactee wishing to bring a message of peace from the space people. The man bringing you these almost unbelievable revelations is a hard-core Industrial Engineer with over 40 years experience in the field of engineering; most of it connected in some way with the aviation industry.

E. Frederick Schrafft has spent more than 20 years making a comprehensive technical feasibility study of flying saucers of circular

design, and contends that the UFOs are misnamed: they should be called IFOs—Identified Flying Objects. Mr. Schrafft's interest in UFOs began in the early 1940's and was sharpened by the Kenneth Arnold sighting. But you do not have to rely on anyone's word for the qualifications of this dedicated researcher; his background speaks for itself.

During the years of World War II his activities included the following:  
**Special Officer, First Service Command, Boston**

**Connecticut State Defense Council Industrial War Program**

**Special Instructor, First Service Command, Connecticut**

**War Training Program, Connecticut Fire Marshal, First Service Command U.S. Naval Reserve V-6**

**Specialized Training:**

**War Department Special Defense School; Amherst College 1942**

**War Department Special Defense School; U. of Connecticut 1943**

During most of his career Mr. Schrafft has been connected with several large aviation companies as either an employee or consultant. Noteworthy are Remington Rand, now Sperry Rand—Chance Vought—and many others now part of the United Aircraft chain. His last connection before retirement was with the blade division of Kaman Aircraft at the Pratt Read Plant in Ivoryton, Connecticut in 1955. Now

living in Connecticut, he is active in several civic projects including: **Oceanography—the U.S. Department of the Interior Land and Water Conservation Program.**

**Preserving our Nation's heritage through the Connecticut River National Parkway and Recreation Area program.**

Like so many in the early days of aviation, some of E. Frederick Schrafft's ideas were revolutionary and can now be considered as far ahead of their time. On March 18, 1934 a patent application was filed in Washington, D.C. for a "radio controlled torpedo". This invention could well have been one of the forerunners of modern electronic warfare, but as expressed by F.T. Cable of the Electric Boat Company of Groton, Connecticut in a letter dated May 16, 1934: "I would like very much to give you advice which would be of assistance in your Invention but am afraid your project is entirely too scientific for me. I can build and operate Submarines in the old fashioned way but when it comes to television and radio operation of torpedoes am afraid I am not in a position to advise."

It is interesting to note that the Electric Boat Company, now a division of General Dynamics, was the guiding force behind the launching of the world's first atomic-powered submarine, the U.S. *Nautilus*, in 1954.

Even more worthy of note was the launching of Electric Boat's *Polaris* missile from a submerged submarine on July 20, 1960—truly the ULTIMATE radio controlled torpedo!

#### PROJECT DOOMSDAY: (The UFO)

The flying saucer mystery can be cleared up with three simple facts: (1) so-called flying saucers do indeed exist; (2) they are not visitors from another planet; (3) they are part of an entirely new defense system being developed by the U.S. Government. As hard as this is to believe, it is, nevertheless, TRUE. In order to prove these statements we must begin at the beginning.

While most UFO investigators seem to agree that the Arnold sighting of 1947 launched the era of the flying saucers, there have been a number of reports found in literature dating back to the early 19th century. Many of these sightings were no doubt based on fact, for in most cases one detail stands out: previous to the flight of the Wright brothers "aeroplane" on December 17, 1903, almost all of the reports of unusual flying objects were of cigar-shape. Ordinary balloons were invented by the Montgolfier brothers in 1783, so it seems reasonable to expect that somewhere in this great country, someone was still experimenting with them up to, and even after, the end of the 19th century. It is a curious fact that the

round or disc-shaped UFO was not reported until the mid-twentieth century.

Since the first balloons were of the hot-air type, it would have been a simple matter for some of our teenagers of yesteryear to have constructed them for pranks, making the launchings at night in much the same way as our modern laundry-bag "flying saucers". We were all young once, and there are many ways in which an enterprising youngster could scare hell out of some neighborhood across town. So for the record, let us consider those first UFOs as either the hoaxes of some inventive teenagers or the experiments of unknown inventors.

During the years of World War II the United States was too busy building the work-horse type of aircraft for defense to do much experimental work. This now brings us up to the 1946-1947 period when the first-disc-shaped UFOs were starting to appear. To start the search for scientific proof that circular aircraft were possible, we must return to the sighting of Kenneth Arnold.

Back in 1941 Charles H. Zimmerman, a Chance-Vought aeronautical engineer, designed a strange circular aircraft called Experimental Model Number V-173. Its test pilot, Boone Guyton, promptly named it the "Flying Flapjack" because of its saucer-like

shape. Not much has ever been told about that first flight, probably because we were in the throes of pre-war tension and more important events were making the headlines. But even then it was such a radical departure in aircraft design that the military censorship did not know how to handle it.

Two years later a new re-designed model was made, bearing the designation SF5U-1. No mention of a test flight was immediately released, and even if it had been, the warfront news would have quickly smothered it. The SF5U-1 was soon forgotten and was thought to have been scrapped.

The fact is, however, that the SF5U-1 was *not scrapped!* It was potentially the world's most versatile aircraft, and all attempts to obtain information from its manufacturer or the military were met with blunt refusals.

Although most of the information concerning the XF5U-1 was classified, through the years a number of facts have been obtained privately from reliable sources. The basic plan of the craft was a single wing designed as a circular airfoil to obtain 360 degrees of lift, at the same time serving as a hollow fuselage to house the pilot and the power source. The V-173 was a single place, wood and fabric ship which flew as slowly as 20 miles per hour and could land at a 45 degree

angle under 15 miles per hour. The newer XF5U-1 was similar in design but larger, of all metal construction, had a reported speed in excess of 500 miles per hour, and was said to be able to hover at 0 speed. Not much else is known about the craft except that a new word had to be coined, since the control surfaces served as both elevators and ailerons: they were called "ailevators". It was also reported that "parasite drag" had been reduced to zero and the only resistance was caused by skin friction of the wing's surface. Prophetically, one information source of 1947 added the comment: "Don't be amazed when one of these days you hear a whistling sound from the sky and see a blurred, circular object scaling across the heavens at a speed never before attained by man. It will be the Flapjack, the JF5U-? breaking thru another frontier in aviation history."

The first Flapjack was tested in November 1942, when we were in the early stages of war. Since the need was for all the fighter-type planes that could be produced, the V-173 was put on "ice" for a time. A couple of years later the new XF5U-1 was briefly mentioned in the scientific magazines but no hint of a test flight was given. In May 1947 a statement concerning a test flight was released but no details were let out, and the location of the flight was kept secret.

During the timespan between

November 1942 and June 1947 the German buzz-bombs proved the worth of jet power. No prop-driven aircraft could touch them; at least not until they were gliding in on target. Compare the description of what Kenneth Arnold reported, with the first crude V-173 made in 1942. Add to the V-173 all the new power sources available; then compare the date of the test flight—May 1947—with the date of the sighting—June 24, 1947. We now have a pretty complete picture of exactly what happened.

Next to the Atom Bomb, the best kept secret in our country's history has been the development of the flying saucer. Immediately after the proven success of the prototype SF5U-1, the tight security lid of military censorship snapped closed over the entire project, making the information leaks on the saucer-craft almost non-existent. This landmark in aviation history marked the starting point for the development of an entirely new defense system. Subsequent improvements based on our rapidly expanding technological know-how transformed the already superior SF5U-1 into a defense network so advanced so that when finally completed, it will end the threat of war for all time!

To follow the historical progress of the disc-shaped machines, we must shift our attention away from the

military for the moment, and concentrate on the private sector of the world population. Individual inventors working with very limited financial backing have achieved some amazing aeronautical advances.

### The Year 1949

Maryland state police located two old machines in a barn near Glen Burnie, Maryland, about 11 miles south of Baltimore. The air-force promptly announced that "there is a good chance" that the wreckage of the two abandoned flying machines found "are prototypes" of the flying saucers. The first craft was described as looking somewhat like a helicopter with two saucer-shaped devices on top, 16 feet in diameter, covered with airplane fabric. The fuselage was less than 16 feet in length, had no wings and was powered by a nine-cylinder radial engine. The other craft resembled a large wooden tub 14 feet in diameter, made of plywood, and having the engine and cockpit inside. It had four blades extending around the top and four similar blades around the bottom, with the blades rotating in opposite directions.

The inventor of these strange machines was Jonathan E. Caldwell, who disappeared about 1941. An aircraft mechanic who worked with Caldwell on the craft in 1936 and 1937 said that Caldwell was 10 years ahead of his time.

One airforce officer is quoted as having made the following statement: "I, personally, think that the inventor went to some other part of the country and that he—or someone else—developed new planes along these lines and is sending them up."

### The Year 1955

Rene Couzinet, a French aircraft designer, designed and built a prototype of a flying saucer in his workshop on an island in the River Seine on the outskirts of Paris. Couzinet called his unconventional aircraft the *Aerodyne*. It was propelled by 96 miniature wings revolving around a fixed center, which would enable the craft to achieve vertical takeoff. Once in the air the craft would be set in motion by a jet engine.

Couzinet had great plans for his *Aerodyne*, expecting that the first operational model to be made of wood, with subsequent models of stainless steel. The machine was to be powered by an Armstrong "Viper" jet engine which produced 1,640 pounds of thrust. Nothing was ever heard of these operational models, however, and it is not known when or if they were successful.

### The Year 1968

Josef Zelko, a West German engineer, placed the following ad in the International Herald Tribune of

Paris: "Seek business partner with capital for the establishment of a joint stock company to finance the designing, development and mass production of jet-propelled flying saucers as a new aerial means of conveyance and/or of boats that are absolutely uncapsizable in France, Spain or in the United States." The ad also stated that the inventions were patented for 20 years in the countries listed.

John Searle, an English engineer, said that he could beat the world's rocket experts to the moon, by flying saucer. Working from the Berkshire village of Mortimer, Searle had been designing flying saucers for 18 years. He made the statement that several non-manned test flights were successful, using an anti-gravity device for power.

A reporter for the Columbus, Ohio, Dispatch announced that he had photographed a saucer-shaped vehicle at the White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. The photo clearly shows a typical circular designed flying saucer, with a series of tubular appendages emerging from the bottom of the craft. The reporter, Paul Massa, said "government officials preferred to deny the validity of the sightings" rather than try to offer any explanation for the UFOs. The vehicle was thought to be part of a government space project called the Voyager Balloon Program.

## The Year 1970

The United States patent office granted patent number 3,469,804 to Steven T. Rowan of Colby, Kansas for the design of a saucer craft. The machine is capable of both vertical and horizontal flight, and can land on any type of surface. The patent shows a saucer-shaped machine with a 360 degree windshield for perfect visibility, retractable landing gear, and rotational circular airfoil surrounded by 4 jet engines. The craft is also watertight so it can land on the surface of any body of water.

Paul Moller, a University of California professor of aerodynamics and mechanical engineering, is now working on his third flying saucer. The first one—XM-2—made over 30 successful flights. It weighed 700 pounds, was constructed of aluminum and fiberglass, and was about 14 feet in diameter. The power was supplied by two 72-horsepower air-cooled engines. The second saucer—XM-3—is a smaller version of its predecessor, capable of hovering and making remarkably sharp turns. This one too has been flown successfully. Moller is now constructing the SM-4, which he claims will fly at an altitude of one mile at over 165 miles per hour. The scheduled completion date is set for sometime in 1971.

In looking over these various cases it now becomes apparent that the circular-design is practical in aircraft design. These private inventors,

working with an absolute minimum of financial backing, have been relatively successful in achieving a practical design. It is no wonder, then, that the government with the use of almost unlimited capital has been able, since the first crude experiments in the 1940's, to turn out a machine capable of flight characteristics beyond anything imaginable.

To better understand the saucer-type aircraft an explanation of a few aerodynamic facts is in order. To get a craft airborne a stream of air is forced over a surface called an airfoil. This airfoil is shaped in such a way that the airstream is forced to speed up at a certain point, much like a stream of water speeds up when the nozzle of a garden hose is closed. As the air speeds over the airfoil surface, a lift reaction is caused, which lifts the section higher as the speed is increased.

The basic plan of a saucer-type aircraft is a circular airfoil of 360 degrees with a negative stream of airflow over it. The air is drawn INTO the center of the craft over the 360 degree radius of the airfoil. This gives four times as much lift as a 90 degree airfoil, and more important, a vertical lift at all times. In addition to this lift a DOWNWARD thrust of force is provided.

To control the vertical rise or descent, bottom louvres are opened or closed as required. Horizontal flight is

controlled by means of ports strategically positioned around the rim of the airfoil having an air jet or stream thrust from the "bleed off" of excess airflow over the airfoil and downward thrust. The ports are closed during vertical takeoff, but horizontal flight is achieved by opening the port on the side opposite to that of the line of flight. The craft will then move in reaction to the thrust from the open port.

The early saucer-type craft were powered by piston type power plants making them much too slow and very much underpowered. Later the jet engine was perfected and proved to be a great improvement, although still not the perfect power plant. It was not until the advent of atomic power that the full worth of the saucer craft was realized. One such power source is the **THERMIONIC ENERGY CONVERTER (TEC)**. It is absolutely silent, highly reliable, extremely efficient, compact, lightweight, and the most simple means of energy production known to man. The idea of the TEC is to raise the temperature of a solid to such a degree that the electrons are "boiled out" of the orbits of its atoms. The electrons are collected by another solid at a lower temperature, setting up a steady flow of electrons between the two solids. The electron flow is the **ONLY** moving part of the converter. It causes a many hued corona discharge of

electricity, such as appears on the surface of ultra-high voltage conductors. There are no complex parts to go wrong, and the power source can last virtually forever. The TEC is based on an idea suggested over 80 years ago by Thomas Edison, and much of the research on early models was carried out at the CANEL plant at Haddem, Connecticut, which has long since been phased out.

For many years the Canadian government has been working on a **GRAVITY-DEFYING** device powered by electromagnetic forces, as described in Einstein's Theory. Once called Project Magnet, it is but one of many such programs; at least 15 universities and other research centers were also hard at work cracking the gravity barrier, together with multi-million dollar secret projects of our own huge aircraft industries.

Out of all this research has come many anti-gravity devices, which are still undergoing constant testing. One of the most exciting of these is the invention of Dr. George Rideout of Gravity Research Foundation, New Boston, New Hampshire. Called the Electromagnetic Gravity Absorber, it is shielded from the Earth's magnetic pull by closing all ports and louvers, thus making the craft weightless in relation to the earth. Even in this weightless condition the craft is as useless as a leaf floating on the surface of water; it is at the mercy of winds,

hills and other forces of nature. To control the craft the rim-ports must be opened opposite to the flight path. Since our TEC power source emits so much heat, and a waste product called inert helium, scientists proposed an electromagnetic device to attract and hold this gas around the craft. This captured gas or "boundary cushion" moves along with the craft and at ultra-high speeds the friction of the air on the structural surface causes the heat to be dissipated in the glow. The mass of captured air-gas can be shaped into any advantageous form: tear drop for moderate speeds, spindle shape for ultra-high speed, and saucer-like shape for landing and takeoff speeds.

Rumors are circulating that scientists have built disc airfoils incorporating a variation of the simple two-plate electrical condensor which, when charged with 50,000 volts, has achieved a speed of 17 feet per second with a total input of 50 watts. Later a three-foot model charged with 150 kilovolts turned out such an amazing and unheard of performance, that the whole project was classified TOP SECRET.

Since generators have been made which can develop 15 million volts or ten times as much power as was needed to power the three-foot model, it stands to reason that a much larger model is also possible.

Many important facts have been discovered with regard to gravity

propulsion. For one: the propelling force does not act only on one part of the object that it is pushing; it acts on all parts within the gravity field created by the gravitic drive. Second: its speed is probably not limited to the speed of light. Gravity-powered objects have also changed direction, accelerated at very high rates, and stopped abruptly without any heavy stresses being experienced by the receptors aboard the vehicle, and within the gravity-propulsion field. This control is accomplished by changing the direction, intensity and polarity of the charge on the condenser plates of the drive unit.

There are many other inventions and discoveries which can be applied very easily to the saucer-craft. A brief glimpse at some of the patents granted by the United States patent office tells an extraordinary story:

Patent No: 3,098,934 to Don Wison, Caldwell, N.J.

For: Device that plots the course of a spacecraft and corrects its position while in flight.

Patent No: 2,787,558 to Harold Wadely, Irvington, New York.

For: Fabrics made of phosphorescent fibers that glow.

Patent No: 3,025,521 to Dr. J.H. Strob and Dr. H. Tatel, Washington, D.C.

For: Anti-collision device that gives continuous picture of vicinity plus direction, angle of motion, speed

and altitude.

Patent No: 2,974,304 to Lester Norlund, Tacoma, Washington.

For: Device which automatically measures distance between two or more objects by pulse echo system and infra-red.

Patent No: 3,009,866 to T.C. Mills, Los Alamos, New Mexico.

For: Small 21 core atomic reactor that produces 6,000,000 watts of electrical power and is light enough to small aircraft use.

Patent No: 3,066,887 to Wendal Moore, Youngstown, Ohio.

For: Anti-gravity belt for one-man use. Moore is also the inventor of the Jet Belt used by the U.S. Army.

Patent No: 3,215,369 to Carroll Johnson, Fort Worth, Texas.

For: Aircraft that will hover at will and reach supersonic speeds in any direction of flight. Assigned to Boeing Aircraft Co.

Patent No: 3,184,937 to Dr. Irving H. Scher, Philadelphia, Pa.

For: SCREFTRON, a device designed to respond to a specific command, spoken by a specific person only.

Patent No: 3,112,747 to Stanley Smith, Hagerstown, Md.

For: Remote controlled aircraft for towing other aircraft under constant control, from great distances.

Patent No: 3,042,748 to George Rosen, Philadelphia, Pa.

For: Device for analyzing and

synthesizing the human voice by an electric analog of the vocal cords over a transmitter.

Patent No: 2,987,614 to Claudis H. Roberts, Washington, D.C.

For: Ultra-secret radio communications system that permits messages to be compressed into a series of pulses lasting only a few thousandths of a second and beamed over a transmitter as a series of beeps.

Patent No: 3,050,146 to Almer Grim, Falls Church, Va.

For: System to control the amount of tilt and altitude of circular aircraft, that make use of an air cushion. For remote control.

The years since 1947 have also brought many improvements in many other fields of science. These new devices are now part of the government saucers. Along with the advanced power sources and other technological discoveries, let us add the following to the disc-craft:

- 1 A GYRO STABILIZING SYSTEM such as those developed by Bendix.
- 2 An AUTOMATIC GYRO-PILOT of Bendix, Sperry-Rand and others.
- 3 CONTROL SYSTEMS as used on Drone and Dash helicopters.
- 4 A super-fine version of the Collins ANTI-COLLISION SYSTEM.
- 5 An RCA MITE-MITE T.V. transmitter-receiver system.
- 6 An IBM compact COMPUTER SYSTEM.

- 7 LIGHTING SYSTEMS of the mercury-arc type.
- 8 Mapping by ANALYTIC AEROTRIANGULATION based on the Ambrose Ryder System.
- 9 The ALOTS Airborne Lightweight Optics Tracking System.

Add all of these together, and the result is an aircraft that is capable of doing **ANYTHING** that UFOs are known to do!

Objects from another planet could never manage to elude our modern-day radar systems. These systems are so far advanced that they are capable of tracking a baseball at 30 miles—and counting the stitches! The saucers, therefore, **MUST** be devices made and operated by, or for, our own government.

One aspect of the flying saucer scene which needs clarification is the appearance of occupants associated with some close encounter and landing reports. Although there have been variations in the descriptions of these UFO operators, for the most part the bulk of the witnesses report the following characteristics:

- 1 Small humanoid-type creatures.
- 2 Smaller than our standard of normal (usually between 3-4 feet in height).
- 3 Usually moving with an awkward gait.
- 4 Usually wearing a shiny metallic one-piece suit or having a strange glow or phosphorescence.

- 5 Abnormally oversized head in proportion to body dimensions.
- 6 Green or unusual skin color.
- 7 Seldom talking among themselves or with others.
- 8 Almost always looking for something or making repairs to the grounded craft.

Almost all UFO researchers espousing the "Outer Space" theory have credited these abnormal characteristics to an extraterrestrial intelligence. The truth is, however, that these same characteristics DO fit a particular part of the HUMAN population. It is a little known fact that during the war years many aircraft plants had a good number of midgets or dwarfs on the payroll. These "little men" were capable of working in spaces too small for a normal sized individual, and in performing with unusual agility, they were of invaluable assistance.

Taking this into consideration, let us now see how it fits the characteristics listed:

- 1,2,3, What better description could there possibly be for a midget or dwarf?
- 4 The description fits a workman's one-piece coverall, and we have all seen many items that glow: watch dials, traffic signs, luminous tapes, etc. (See patent number 2,787,558 in the list of patents).
- 5 One look at our own astronauts headgear will reveal that their heads

look large in proportion to body dimensions; the effect, of course, being caused by the spacesuit helmet.

- 6 Since the face area seems to be the only part that would be visible to the witnesses, the helmet face-plate would cast an unnatural color onto the skin through the tinted faceplate material.
- 7 Most people, when working intently on some project, do not talk, and built-in communications systems within helmets are common.
- 8 This, of course, applies to any workmen repairing any type of equipment.

Since these little people are small in size only, they would be the ideal choice for the crew of an experimental craft with its saucer-like shape and cramped quarters.

Ever since the initial flying saucer experiments the government has consistently denied that the UFOs exist. The reason behind all this secrecy is that the system has not yet been completely perfected, and the government—as in the case of the development stages of the atom bomb—does not want to leak out any information until the system has been fully tested and proven.

When perfected, flying saucers capable of speeds up to 18,000 miles per hour, will be dispatched from a United States base to hover over any spot on earth in a matter of minutes.

The saucers will not be manned, however, but will be remotely controlled by computers and radio signals.

While this type of flying saucer is rapidly on the way to becoming a reality and could possibly be used as a weapon of war—perhaps the “Ultimate Weapon”—it may do more than anything else yet invented to ward off worldwide nuclear destruction and assure a lasting peace. In the event of imminent trouble anywhere in the world, but particularly in Mainland China (which will no doubt be the chief threat to world peace in the years ahead), a saucer or fleet of saucer-craft would be dispatched to hover over the troublespot and spell out a clear warning. Faced with such a threat, China—or any other potential enemy—would not be inclined to launch a foolhardy military adventure that would lead them to almost certain disaster; anymore than Japan, in 1945, was prepared to continue with World War II once it became evident (after the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki) that America had developed a weapon for which the Japanese war machine was no match.

Even if a potential enemy decided to be unreasonable, it would not be necessary to obliterate his people or his cities, as nuclear weapons inevitably would do. The saucers would be used as the vehicle for

delivering newly-developed nerve gases and other biological or chemical weapons that would incapacitate an enemy—perhaps put them to sleep for a matter of hours or days—without killing or maiming, and without destroying their cities. After re-awakening from such enforced slumber, no would-be enemy would attempt further provocative acts.

The development and perfection of such a weapon would ultimately lead to world peace and the respect of all nations, for the United States would not use the system unilaterally. Rather, we would use it to strengthen the United Nations and use it only when and where the U.N. felt it was necessary to preserve world peace.

Former U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara was the individual responsible for having provided the impetus for the full-scale development of the flying saucer system. McNamara, who is probably one of the greatest mental giants of our time, got the system over all major hurdles, then resigned and moved over to the World Bank, where he would be in a position to direct the financial assistance that will, in time, rid the world of poverty.

When, thanks to the flying saucers, world peace is finally achieved, the saucers will be used for many peacetime purposes. They will be able

to deliver mail to any spot on earth in an hour or less, and imagine what help they will be in the event of natural catastrophe, such as devastating storms or earthquakes. Medical supplies and other assistance will be delivered to even the remotest region in just minutes.

To achieve the twin goals of preventing war and providing lightning-fast assistance in time of disaster, the flying saucers have been conducting "test flights" throughout the world for a number of years to record a precise grid-map of the entire surface of the earth. Such a map, in conjunction with highly-sophisticated computers and advanced radio control devices, will be able to pin-point the tiniest village in the most distant reaches of Africa, Asia or anywhere else. A flying saucer will then be dispatched and be there in a flash.

It is not certain how long it will be before the United States Government officially acknowledges the existence and capability of the flying saucer system, but it may be as soon as another year or two. One thing is certain though; and that is when the announcement is finally made, the facts will prove what has been stated here—the existence of PROJECT DOOMSDAY: (The UFO).

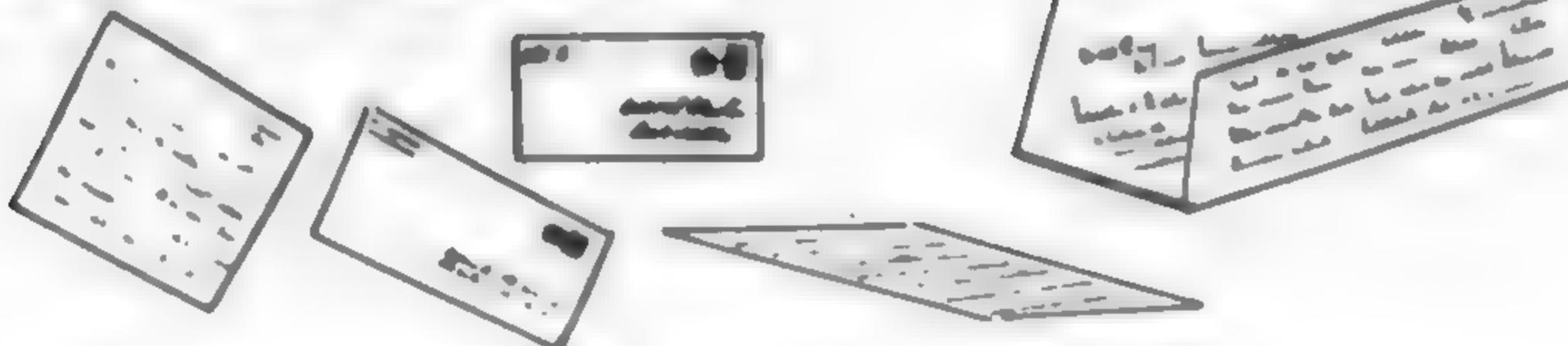
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# LETTERS



## FROM OUR READERS

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Greetings Ray:

I have written a number of times but have never been able to crack the Forum in which you say "If you have anything to say, here is where you can say it". I think you have been quite deaf, must I shout to make you hear or are you just plain ignoring me? Well, I'll try again and if I fail to make you hear I'll take my patronage elsewhere.

It is far more important to love your wife than to love God, and I will tell you why. You cannot help him but you can help her!

The hope of science is the perfection of the human race. The hope of theology is the salvation of a few and the damnation of almost everybody. The foundation of superstition is ignorance, the

superstructure is faith and the dome is a vain and foolish hope.

Ministers say they teach charity. This is natural, they live on alms. All beggars teach that others should give. Belief without evidence is not religion. There is no God. Religion is fear. Religion is cowardice. Every God has been created in fear. The religion of the Puritan was an unadulterated curse. Shakespeare is worth all the bibles ever written. If I were God I'd make health catching instead of disease. I belong to the great church that holds the world within its starlit aisles; that claims the great and good of every race and clime; that finds with joy the grain of gold in every creed, and floods with light and love the germ of good in every soul. Happiness is the only good, reason the only torch, justice the only worship, humanity the only religion and love the only priest, reason the only teacher!

Truth is such a rare quality, a

stranger so seldom met in this civilization of fraud, that it is never received freely, but must fight its way into this world.

Come let us reason together.

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• Maybe it is true that the reason some people don't "crack" Forum is that they leave so little room for argument! However, as my readers know, I can argue about most anything, and I don't even need to employ reason to do it! Today my own daughter told me I had a closed mind, so with this recommendation I feel fully qualified to shoot off my mouth about some of the things in your letter. Here goes (nothing?).

No, I never ignored you! In fact, I thank you for your many letters over the years—they have taught me much, and been the springboard for much deep thinking. For that I owe you. And I know you won't take your "patronage" elsewhere, because you like me too much!

Loving your wife is something different than the "love" you are admonished to have for God. In my case, I find it impossible even to define the meaning of the word love when it is connected with God. The closest I can come is the feeling that comes over me when I am sitting beneath a shady tree, far from other human beings, looking up at fleecy

white clouds in a wonderfully blue sky, listening to the songs of birds, feeling the cool breeze playing over my body, listening to the musical sound of water rippling over stones in a brook, and feeling happy and peaceful and healthy. I say I "love" all that, and I attribute the whole thing to some impossible-to-understand "Creator" who made it all, and I am inordinately grateful to whatever He is. At that moment I know He did it all for me. Loving my wife is something else again. God made her beautiful too, and in that sense, there is the same feeling. But there is a personal relationship, an understanding of companionship, that is very much different. It is immediate and can be defined. Even in the little thing she does like bringing me a cup of coffee. And it is easy to understand the fact of her being the mother of my children. It is all something you can put your finger on, and classify. There is a very great deal of difference, however, and it is not a matter of choosing which you will practice, and which is more important. It is important to your wife that you love her, but you can't really know if God is anxiously waiting for you to whisper "I love you" and will be unhappy if you don't! The ratio of importance (at least to God) is like infinity to one. You have the feeling that love of God is diluted by an infinite number, and

you come out a very close to zero cipher in the competition. What really happens, is that you don't love God. Not the way you love your wife. You can't possibly say how you love God! And nobody has been able to tell me what God is so that I can know what it is that I am loving. Those who have explained it to me have given me many reasons why I am wasting my time loving their concept of God, because He's really loaded with faults. He even does things I wouldn't think of doing! Like condemning a prostitute to hell. I've met some prostitutes in my day, and some of them I was forced to admire—they were honest and trustworthy, and I saw a definite place for them in a sick society which made them necessary!

The idea of science having as its purpose and goal the "perfection" of the human race leaves me quite cold. We already are perfect, in all the observations I have made. Even a small bit of me, my eye, leaves me in awe over its marvelous structure. Science doesn't even come close to understanding the how of its present perfection, and as for making it more perfect, forget it! Science's role might be in finding ways to preserve its perfection, and in repairing it when damaged, but that is the only role I can conceive of for science in relation to the perfection of the human race.

Theology I seem already to have covered in my first remarks, and it is

this effort to understand (but never really discover) the nature of God that is called theology. The trouble is that those theologians who make a "discovery" (false by necessity because understanding is impossible), can't resist the temptation to force their discovery on everyone else, and failing to get acceptance, to condemn or even persecute. They say "this is my concept of love of God, and if you don't accept it, I will kill you!"

I would be inclined to say that the foundation of superstition is "a little knowledge". We discover something and then we build up a framework of "interpretation" around it. That framework is superstition. We observe that the moon seems to have a "face" on it, and we then imagine a personality behind that face, and we dance around naked in the light of the moon in "worship" of the "god" we have discovered. When others observe us, they learn something too—they learn that the act of looking at the moon causes you to dance around naked in the moonlight, and makes a lunatic out of you.

So, we have two superstitions out of a "little knowledge".

If you consider what I first said about the impossibility of understanding God, then you know what I think of ministers who presume to teach about God. I know they can't know any more than I do, so they are arrogant to teach me

about God. I do believe they can teach about human behavior and how to exist at peace in society, and I think this is their purpose. If they would only stick to "ministering" to people and not imposing their own private (and group) superstition, they would be okay. They are (or should be) social workers, not "messengers of God" capable of "saving us" from our sins. As for alms, I know many ministers who work hard, and the laborer is worthy of his hire. We can't classify all ministers in one category, nor can we deduce from their activities that there is no God. There is no God we can understand—that's all! But that you can look at the universe around you and say there is no "order", then you aren't even close to conceiving of the nature of that order that so positively exists. And there is nothing wrong with admiring that order (admire is another word for worship, in the sense that I use it). I admire (with great awe and appreciation) the "order" that is evidence to me of "something" we might call God. I prefer to call it "Creator". And in my own hand, operating this typewriter, I see some of the "creation" of that "Creator". I am forced to admit I couldn't duplicate the feat, no matter how much science I learned. At least not the science I could learn in this earthly lifetime! Maybe there is an eternal "lifetime" in which learning

that much science would be possible. In fact, I think that the science of genetics can be learned to the extent that I could sometime fashion a body like mine, but I'd feel certain that I could not fashion the "person" that operates that body—me!

If health was catching instead of disease, we'd never even stop to think of the marvel of the human body and how and "who" fashioned it. I think I'd rather have the problem of conquering disease rather than never to be stimulated into action by the problem. It seems to me that along with the perfection of the human body, disease was created to make us aware of that perfection and that there can be less than perfection, but not more than perfection!

I'd disagree that reason is the only teacher. Experience is more suited to that role! Reason (at least in my case) has often taught me erroneously. Experience never has! To my frequent chagrin.

Truth is like God, how will you know what it is when you've confronted it? Will you understand that it is the truth? Or will you only believe it is the truth? And if you believe you have it, will you keep it to yourself and not try to force it on someone else? If you've ever tried, you know by now that it is the best way to start a fight!

So, you've finally "cracked" Forum. And it has afforded me the

opportunity to make a few "cracks" of my own. Hope you don't take them too seriously. I really don't know what I'm talking about!—Rap.

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### SOME "LIGHT" ON LIGHT, BY TWO "PERSONS"

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Dear Ray:

Again, please let me thank you for publishing my letter in Forum, November issue, and also for expressing your opinion of what 'you think' about it!

Before I will continue this letter, I have to apologize for making such an 'insulting' error in my letter which you have published in FORUM, June issue 1972, confusing my Subconscious, involuntary nervous system with my Conscious, voluntary nervous system. It should read: Subconscious: (sympathetic nervous system) and Conscious: (cerebro-spinal system) and not as stated in my letter. I believe I would be in bad shape if such would be the case with me having my nervous systems mixed-up!

Since Shaver seems to mean a lot to you, I like to express myself more 'understandably' in this letter and not being accused again of not 'knowing' what is good, right, bad, or wrong, since you expressed wanting to know if I know what I was talking about. And most of all, what the word LIGHT means to me.

I am sorry if you did not get the idea behind the word LIGHT, because I do consider you more enlightened than most people in general. I am also positive, that people in general could care less what it means, are not interested in it and most of all would not even know where to begin to look or search for it.

I am sorry if I stepped on your toes (so to speak) in not agreeing with Mantong's definition of its Letter 'A'. Your explanation is very good and also very extensive, which in itself is good because the majority of people does not know the difference between 'mineral', 'vegetable', and 'animal' in man. I do believe, I made myself very clear why it was irritating me, namely—quote—: "...man failing to evolve to Godhood!"—and also—quote: "...man cannot believe in the greatness of his own SELF!"

Yes, you are so right, so very right. I have decided (for a long time already) that I am not 'animal' in the sense you describe it or the people. I have decided that I am a HUMAN BEING! There is a big difference between HUMAN, human, and your human-animal. Not only do I possess a so-called 'spirit', or 'soul', but I also possess the ability and capability to distinguish precisely what is animalistic (to me at least) and what is not. I do agree however, that I do have a body in order to express my personality that is true, but I am

positive also, that this body must not be animal! It is made out of bones, joints, tissues, cells, organs, glands, flesh, fluid, gas and many more things, and to make it into the right shape it is covered with skin and hair. It also has 2 (two) very intricate, sensitive and accurate nervous systems, which I am sure the animal has not. Nor does the animal have the same types of blood men carry in their veins. because if animal would, or vice versa, the problem of blood shortage and the pleas for donors would not exist! Your definition of personality is not correct and I cannot find it in my WEBSTER'S INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY, 3rd Edition. If you are interested what WEBSTER has to say about it, I am more than willing to give it to you. Here they are, 'person', 'personality', 'ego', and 'id', they do have one thing in common, namely man and not animal!

#### PERSON:

3c) a human being as distinguished from animal or thing;

5a) self.

#### PERSONALITY:

1a) the quality of state of being a person and not an abstraction or thing, or lower being; the fact of being an individual person; personal existence of entity; capacity for the choices, experiences, and liabilities of an individual person;

5a) the complex of characteristics that distinguishes a particular

individual or individualizes or characterizes him in his relationships with others;

5d) (1) the totality of an individual's emergent tendencies to act or behave esp. self-consciously or to act on, interact with, perceive, react to, or otherwise meaningfully influence or experience his environment;

#### EGO:

(1) the self esp. as inside one as contrasted with something outside: metaphysical philo:

#### DESCARTES:

#### KANT:

the soul or an underlying mental or spiritual substance; a transcendentally postulated unity either of apperception or of the morally free person—called also pure ego; the conscious subject of experience;

#### FICHTE:

pure self-determining activity positing itself—pure ego;

#### HUME:

a complex of ideas or a system of successive mental status;

#### psychoanalysis:

the largely conscious part of the personality that is derived from the id through contacts with reality and that mediates the demands of the id, of the super ego, and of external every day reality, in the interest of preserving the organism.

#### ID:

the primitive undifferentiated part

of the psychic apparatus that reacts blindly on a pleasure-pain level, is the seat of psychic energy, and is the ultimate source of higher psychic components (as ego and superego)

There is no mention of 'animal'!

I have never mentioned that Shaver's Mantong makes no sense! I only expressed my honest view on the first Letter 'A'. I am not about to rescue you or anybody else from wrong or right conceptions, viewpoints, or 'pet-opinions', which you and the others so graciously have accumulated during your lives! Because of us being 'different', and because your 'ability' to dwell into things or into Reality is different too, I believe the saying: "To each its own", does fit here and can be applied very effectively. There is also another saying: "One man's meat is another man's poison", also makes good sense, because without a mutually agreed on 'understanding' of these views, opinions, and concepts; and also without a definitely 'established' rule, regulation, or law concerning them, you and I and the rest of us (who differentiate) will never agree on one blasted thing, let alone on such a subject as my OWN viewpoints expressed on the Mantong Letter 'A' or Shaver's stories!

I tried to express an honest opinion and there was definitely 'nothing wrong with it, because in general man

'does' consider himself an animal; since his behavior (sometimes) is beneath that of an animal. I try to bring out one thing, namely, man has the power to choose, which no animal has, except for the instinct of survival, meaning: 'kill or be killed'! Man, however, should know better and should be able to express himself in a much 'wiser' manner or way, because he can 'think' and 'choose' which animal cannot. Animal must be satisfied with its lot, whereas man can always *change!* Such abilities I do consider *different!*

I have nothing against machines, on the contrary, if they can help or are of some good and noble use, fine, but people are not evolved yet to really put such machines into use to benefit mankind and not only for *personal* satisfaction, for *personal* reason to gain power or importance over others and most of all to bully others with! (Take a look at the A and H-bombs, the awful nerve gas and all the others, it tells you enough without me adding more). I firmly believe mankind is not ready yet for a lot of things, be it Shaver's hell or heaven, or be it just a pill which could cure all ailments, since I do believe such would be of no help or value to man (in general) in his evolution toward his own Greatness of his own SELF and the 'guts' to face himself!

Most men do live by bread alone and because of this fact there is so

much tragedy and hardship on this earth. Most men cannot 'tolerate' 'equals' in other fellow-men, in other nations, in other colors, let alone rub shoulders with same. I have nothing against 7 foot or 70 foot tall beauties, because to me real BEAUTY must come from your heart, from the 'INNER' you! Beauty cannot be bought, nor can it be painted or plastered on, because such does not last, such is for the 'moment' only to satisfy vanity-beauty is very transient.

And for the children you have mentioned in your answer, how true, how very true, they always seem to manage to ask a million and one questions. It matters little if the 'logic' is faulty or correct, one is using in answering questions, because some questions cannot be answered since they are much too intricate, technical, chemical and down-right complicated and time-consuming and also unanswerable with our Conscious Mind. It is proven throughout the ages that men always seem to be engaged in contradictory arguments, wasting a lot of time (in my opinion) which could be used more constructively instead of being wasted in paradoxed and opinionated opinions of which there are much too many and which shows you that a lot can be done from very 'little' with sophisticated reasoning (?) having no end nor beginning, only a very tiresome and

never ending debate. Most people naturally do need such 'mental' crutches and it does give them also a feeling of 'superiority' over others, and keeping such up, one is engaged with conformity to tradition, culture and customs (which better don't be changed!)!

What also irks me is your statement, quote: "It is impossible to be born knowledgeable", which is incorrect. You do your SUBCONSCIOUS MIND an unpardonable injustice, the one called 'sympathetic', which takes care of the complex processes of the vital activity within the human body. Can you imagine a person without such an INTELLIGENCE? NO! Not me! I cannot imagine a person being 'consciously' aware of his Subconscious Mind's functions. Why can't people give credit where credit is due. I am positive if the human body relies or has to rely on his Conscious Mind to perform all the activities necessary to keep it going and alive, it would be in a sorry mess. The Conscious Mind is not trained nor equipped with such 'knowledge' to keep the body going. Man found the right word for this Intelligence—'sympathetic', and with it gave his CREATOR more credit than he ever will be able to grasp! The Conscious Mind is the last thing which develops in the human body because without gathering 'knowledge' during your life

and without being taught in School for so many years, your Conscious Mind would and could never develop. It does take 'lifetimes' for the Conscious Mind to develop and to grow in Wisdom and Understanding, and sometimes it does not develop at all, some people never 'mature' to fully understand why they have a Conscious Mind!

I do not like to sound like a 'litany', because this is not my nature. I am always to the point, I am honest and I am frank. I do not labor under false pretences nor for petty or false values. Nor do I live to correct 'opinions' other people have about me, because you cannot please them, I do not pretend to be someone or somebody I am not. I was not 'flabbergasted' by all the definitions LIGHT represents, because in my search for what I am searching for, I know what LIGHT means to me, its myriad ways it is used, found and also manifests itself.

In WEBSTER's 3rd Dictionary, LIGHT is defined as the followings: (I will emphasize only on the ones I feel are necessary to make you understand [as if you would not know] what the word LIGHT means to me, and only to me):

**LIGHT:**

1a) something that makes vision possible;

1b) the sensation aroused by stimulation of the visual pathways;

**ILLUMINATION, BRIGHTNESS.**

2a) the light of the sun;

5a) spiritual illumination that is a divine attribute or the embodiments of divine truth;

5b) inner light;

5c) ultimate truth;  
**ENLIGHTENMENT**

8) intellectual illumination: something that enlightens or informs;

10) a person's stock of information or ideas; philosophy of life;  
**STANDARDS**

14) something that gives life or individuality to a person; vital spark.

Light also means (to satisfy the readers) electromagnetic waves, gamma rays, x-rays, ultraviolet rays, lightning and much more. But most of all it is also called **COSMIC RAYS!** And it is a proven fact amongst scientists and physicists, that:

"Energy can be produced from matter and matter from energy" ...and energy is LIGHT!

To me, LIGHT also means the followings:

1) gaining 'suppressed' knowledge which deals with man and his evolvement toward perfection, like the days before man invented a 'saviour' or any kind of person who is willing to do man's 'dirty laundry' so to speak, who also frees man from all his shortcomings, who is also willing to dip man into a sort of 'bleach'

which will 'white-wash' man (like the Ajax commercial on TV); and also who is willing to be blamed on the end for not doing his job right!—and the know-how how to ignite such knowledge for the betterment of self and to understand such statements as this one: "For in every human being, however fallen and degraded, are stored up all the forces, both cosmic and deific, which brought him into existence, and have nurtured him throughout the vast cycles of generations, in countless incarnations upon earth. And these same creative forces, with the tireless patience of the deathless Gods, but await the time when the resurgent Divine Life again stirs within him, and then the child of the aeons, whom the Demon of Darkness can drag down till he is lower than the beasts, the Angel of Light can exalt above the clouds!"

2) gaining control over the physical and mental bodies, which will bring me closer to Masterhood and which also will enable me being my own 'intercessor' when it comes to face the music be it here on this life, earth, heaven or hell. Because according to the principles of the Ancient Masters, complete self-mastery was their standard of PERFECT MAN. For he who conquers himself is greater than he who conquers a city! And in my opinion, anybody who has the guts and sets out to do just that, conquering self, has to have

knowledge of good, right, wrong, bad, life and most of all of GOD!, and what those things mean in connection with self, the outer and the inner.

3) gaining full understanding of the COSMIC LAW of KARMA, which according to WEBSTER means the following: "the sum total of the ethical consequences of a person's good or bad actions comprising thoughts, deed, and words that is held in Hinduism and Buddhism, to determine his specific destiny in his next existence", which involves re-shaping and re-building my life to the best of my ability and capability; also be able to discard without fear of 'damnation' old-worn-out concepts of God, Life, Love and Religion, with which my conscious me was burdened to such an extent as not to dare and think for myself nor in any different ways or manners, except in such as was taught me! The idiotic saying: "History has to repeat itself!", is beyond my understanding. I ask myself: "WHY?" "Why must history repeat itself? Why must man make the same mistakes over and over again and again?" I finally came to a very simple conclusion, namely: man does not dare yet to think for himself because of his yearning for the good old days. Man fails to ask himself: "...were they really so good?" Was it not pounded into his consciousness that he is not worth to lift his eyes 'heavenwards' and perhaps behold the

truth of his own greatness! And in beholding it, he might shake himself loose from such virtues as greed, jealousy, hate, fear, lies and corruption and he might be granted the capability, which means the following: mental power and acumen blended to enable one to grasp ideas, analyse and judge and to cope with problems;—to comprehend that power of thought distinguishes him from the animal!

Prof. Hilton Hotema states, that the human body is a VITAL BATTERY for SOLAR ENERGY! He is not wrong, 'thought' is electricity and man does possess internal or organic electricity (electro-encephalograph or brain-wave machine). He also states, that schools are not established to teach the facts of life, they are controlled by standardized systems which stagnate progress (spiritual progress), and their work is to brainwash the man and condition the mind so as to control the Masses.

FICHTE laid it down that 'education' should aim at destroying free will, so that, after pupils have left school, they shall be incapable, throughout the rest of their lives, of thinking or acting otherwise than as their schoolmasters would have wished. And this said it all, namely: Man would not be able to reach his PERFECTION, he should rather crawl like a worm in the dust, so others can step on him.

Flattery, dear Ray, does not get you anywhere, but being a female and of this world does help me accepting it (compliment) graciously and with my Thanks! One compliment deserves another and I do not need to tell you what I think about you. I know that you too are not only expressing your views and opinions, but I definitely know, that you are doing also justice displaying them and not backing-up and away from them only to please others! And more Power to you! Keep it up because as I stated many times, there is only one you!

As for me, I will try to live up to my CONCEPTIONS of LIGHT, TRUTH, RIGHT, GOOD, and most of all the fulfillment of the saying: "MAN KNOW THY SELF!" Also will I try to do my very best of mental ability and capability to not only find them, but also once found, perhaps, pass them on to others! You know: "Do into others as wish does into self!"

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• *I won't try to answer your letter in its entirety, but only select certain items that brought thoughts to my mind that I'd like to express. They may not even bear any relationship to your letter, but I find the concepts that your comments suggest to me very interesting, and you and others*

might also.

Recently I saw a TV film on the Wild Dogs of Africa. I learned a great deal from that film. Among other things, it gave me an answer to a thing that has puzzled me all my life—WHY some people are so viciously mean to other people, and why a person will grab a gun and kill as many people as he can on a killing spree such as occurs so often these days. But that isn't what I want to talk about here, because it would take a very long article to explain it—what does occur to me “an animal's (lack of?) ability to choose”. My personal experience with animals is that they do indeed choose! And in the film I mentioned, which is a magnificent scientific documentary for which the authors rate highest acclaim, you could see these “dogs” doing an awful lot of choosing, and expressing “personality” (like your 5a, 5d [1]).

It just isn't true that animals must be satisfied with their lot, whereas man can always change. I could mention many instances of animals being very clever at improving their lot, but I'd rather point out that man himself, if we look at him down through the ages, is exactly the same as he was as far back as we know his history, the only difference being in his “trappings” (the artifacts of his “civilization”). But as for improving his lot in the ways you mention, such as “realization of self”, learning

“ultimate truth”, becoming a “perfect man”, he is today precisely where he was when he first crawled out of his cave. The only difference is that he uses a bigger club, with greater opportunity to be mean (but is IS mean!); and his god is not a tree or a stone, but an invisible man on a throne in the sky who also is mean. Perhaps he has even retrograded, because the cave man was less afraid of the tree or the stone than modern man is of his god—in fact, modern man teaches himself (in his religion) that it is necessary to “fear” god in order to be rewarded when he finally meets this fearsome “person” after death. Recently we read of a number of “persons” in New York who killed indiscriminately from their “fortress” in a gun shop, whose only reason was to “kill cops” (secondary reason) and thus assure themselves of a place in Paradise (main reason). No animal kills for this reason! I can only say that the animal is in this case the superior “person”. I have had much acquaintance with animals, and all of them have proved to be persons (by your definition 1a), and to have very distinct personalities.

As for people “evolving” to benefit mankind, even you admit they have made no progress. You list a whole arsenal of evidence that they have not evolved. I quite agree. We, as animals, have very little to crow about in comparison to those animals who do

not know they are only animals. We claim superiority, but daily we prove that we are not superior.

An animal also has a "subconscious mind" which makes it breathe. It does not do it deliberately with its "conscious mind". This is, to my way of thinking, the creative process in operation. Whatever created us also built into us the "instinctive?" ability to draw regular breaths, to keep our hearts beating, to digest our food, etc. Why, then, do you ascribe some superior quality to this type of "mind"? It is not mind at all. It is something we are unaware of, and it is awareness that makes us know that we exist! We say we are superior in our awareness because we are aware that we will exist after death, whereas the animal has no concept of such an existence, or knowledge that there is a god. If you have ever seen an animal mourn the death of a "loved" (?) one, you will seriously begin to doubt that man is possessed of something superior in this respect.

By the very definition of the "subconscious mind", how can it be "born knowledgeable"? Is it "knowledgeable" to breathe? We don't even know we are doing it! A bird knows how to build its nest according to its "kind", and if you admit this, then it is doing it the same way! It has a knowledgeable subconscious mind. It has a "human" attribute which you have stated is

common only to man. It should more properly be called "instinct". It is something built into the genes and chromosomes that functions automatically, and it must be identified precisely the same way in man as it is in animal. The "subconscious mind" cannot learn. At least, we have never observed it to learn! The conscious mind also does not learn. It just functions. I assume you are talking about the brain? But you seem to indicate that the conscious mind is the "person". That is, your "self". What you mean is "awareness". I am aware that I am. Is that being "conscious"? A dog is also conscious. We say that it is not aware that it exists. I don't really accept that! I have seen too many animals in dire fear of death, and pleading to be rescued. I once saw a kingfisher who had injured a wing diving into the water, and could not get out of the water. I whistled to him, as I stood on the shore, and he fought his way painfully and agonizingly slowly toward the shore, directly to me, and then deliberately allowed me to lift him from the water. He allowed me to examine him, but when my children reached out, he pecked at them. He was perfectly aware of the difference—that I was capable of saving him from drowning, and helping him to live by repairing his wing. He did a deliberate, thoughtful act in coming to me in response to my

whistle. He knew the meaning of my whistle! How can anyone say he was not a "person"? And where was he different from a human!

As for "light", it seems to have two connotations (learning) and a scientific something called the "spectrum". Light is vibrations or waves or pulsations, or something in a specific range in a whole spectrum of "rates" of activity from a theoretical zero rate to an infinite rate. At one "speed" we see it, at another we "hear" it, at another, it passes through our bones, at another, it crosses space itself, at another it burns, at another it chills. To you the important thing is the "light" that you call "understanding", in other words, your experience level, what you have learned. We can also gain "light" in an erroneous way! We can learn that man cannot fly, that the earth is flat, that what goes up must come down, that Karma is a law, that God is a god of vengeance, that man can choose and an animal cannot—but we ultimately are "enlightened" to the erroneous knowledge, and must change it! Even a wild dog learns that it is not wise to get within range of a wild pig's teeth! He has "light"!

Perhaps the only thing an animal does not have is egotism; but even here I wonder—I have seen peacocks strut!

I have one bit of "light" that I know for sure! You are a person! You

live in and express yourself in an animal body. That body will return to the "dust" from which it came. Just as I cannot conceive of my own "self" ceasing to exist, I cannot conceive of you not continuing to be the very same person you now are—ever! At least I don't want to! And I really don't want that "person" I saw in that kingfisher, or in that dog, or in that goose, to cease to exist either! I certainly won't be so cruel as to automatically condemn them to non-existence because of a "quality" that none of us can really prove they don't have!

You are demonstrably an animal, but I am aware you are also a person!—Rap.

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#### JESSE JAMES DID LIVE TO 105!

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Dear Mr. Palmer:

In your Nov. issue of Search you wrote, quote—"And even such mundane things as whether or not Jesse James was actually alive at age 105."

Seventeen years ago I was spending Christmas and visiting friends in California.

There I chanced to meet H. Clay Dalton whom I had known for many years and who always had an excellent reputation for honesty.

He had recently returned from one of his frequent bus trips all over the

country. He was retired and traveling was his hobby. He was particularly interested in the Dalton and James family to which he was related.

He told me many interesting details of the family which I later verified at the old court house at Tombstone, Ariz. He was infuriated by the sensational movie which portrayed the James boy's mother as a fat slattern running and waving her arms. He said, "Aunt Het was a sedate lady and never weighed more than 100 lbs. in her life." I saw her picture, petite and prim in the old court house at Tombstone, later.

One day he mentioned the "Old Man", Jesse James or alias Frank Dalton. He laughed and continued, "He is visiting relatives right here in California now and in fine shape for his age."

Personally, I have no further proof that Jesse James was in California or elsewhere at that time. I have nothing to back it up except my respect for H. Clay Dalton's honesty which I remember.

H. Clay Dalton died at his home in Baldwin Park, California about five years ago. He was unmarried and lived alone.

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• All over the South and West, it is common knowledge that Jesse "put one over" on the "dam-Yankees" by

faking his death. As a matter of fact, your editor gets a chuckle out of the fact that Jesse frequently visited in the very house (which I now own) where Forum and Search are put out! —Rap.

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## HATE LIFE AND IT WILL HATE YOU!

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Rap:

In your reply to my letter re: abortion, please note the sum total of what I said is pointed out in your last sentence. "Love life and it will love you." You haven't learned the difference between "life" and "body" or "life" and "foetus". There's a helluva difference. The two are not even related. There is not living life in the foetus, but carrying through a bad pregnancy can sure bring hate and death to a lot of life in bodies. Since the body doesn't create life, it can't destroy it either. You're kidding me of course. You're too intelligent to write so dumb.

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P.S. If you had spent more time developing instead of publishing you'd see how destructive and cruel your attitude is. I know several people who, realizing they were not bodies,

expressed regret and even bitterness at their mother for giving birth to them. You don't love life, you hate it.

• I wouldn't be surprised if some of

our readers answered you better than I could! By the way, are you bitter that your mother failed to murder you?—Rap.

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